

REMARKS

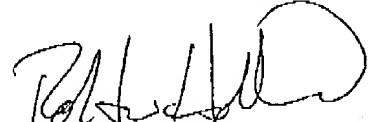
Claims 1 – 47 are pending in the application. Claims 1 – 16, 19 – 27, 29 – 35, and 38 – 43 stand rejected. Claims 17, 18, 28, 36, 37 and 44 – 47 stand objected to with the Examiner indicating these claims to have allowable subject matter. Applicants have canceled Claims 1-47 and added new Claims 49-57, which are directed to the subject matter indicated by the Examiner as allowable. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and full allowance of all pending claims.

CONCLUSION

In view of the remarks and amendments set forth herein, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being sent to the USPTO via the USPTO Central Facsimile on October 11, 2004.	
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